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SUBJECT/ GAMBIA PARLIAMENT DISSOLVED AND NEW ELECTIONS SET

1. PRESIDENT JAWARA HAS DISSOLVED PARLIAMENT WITH EFFECT FROM FEB 21, IN PREPARATION FOR LONG ANTICIPATED ELECTIONS. HOUSE HAS BEEN IN FINAL WEEKS OF ITS STATUTORY FIVE-YEAR TERM.

2. ON FEB 22, PRESIDENT HELD PRESS CONFERENCE, AT WHICH HE ANNOUNCED THAT GENERAL ELECTIONS FOR 35 SEATS IN NEW PARLIAMENT WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 4 AND 5. PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED TO SUPREME COURT BY MARCH 14 FOR ATTESTATION. ONE WEEK LATER, MARCH 21, ALL NOMINEES FOR EACH PARLIAMENTARY SEAT MUST BE SUBMITTED.

3. PRESIDENT NOTED THAT CONSTITUTION PERMITS UP TO THREE MONTHS FOR CAMPAIGN PERIOD, HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF INTENSITY OF ELECTIONEERING OVER PAST MANY MONTHS, HE FELT 6 WEEKS FORMAL CAMPAIGN WAS SUFFICIENT. ASKED IF AFTER ELECTION GOVERNMENT MIGHT REPLACE SOME

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OLDER MEMBERS OF CABINET WITH YOUNGER FACES, PRESIDENT SAID AGE NO CRITERION FOR PLACEMENT IN POSITIONS OF LEADERSHIP.

4. GAMBIA NOW EMBARKS ON BRITISH-TYPE ELECTORAL EXERCISE FOR THIRD TIME SINCE INDEPENDENCE. GOVERNMENT APPEARS CONFIDENT, BUT OPPOSITION IS VOCAL AND ACTIVE. DEMOCRATIC PROCESS WILL DETERMINE OUTCOME - A RARITY THROUGHOUT MUCH OF WORLD. AGGREY

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